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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the embodiment of Figure 4, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-15 are readable on the elected species. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-8 and 12 are generic, however, Applicants believe that claims 1-9, 12 and 15 are generic.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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